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Philip Hogen, Chairman Chuck Choney, Commissioner Norm Des Rosiers, Commissioner National Indian Gaming Commission 1441 L St., N.W., Suite 9100 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Chairman Hogen, Commissioner Choney and Commissioner Des Rosiers:

We are writing to express our support for the alternative Class II Technical Standards that were submitted to you by the Tribal Advisory Committee on January 25, 2007, and to thank you for supporting this new, positive and cooperative process. We hope that we all can continue to build upon the mutual trust that has been built through this process and that it can be used as a model in the development of any future regulations.

As you know, the alternative standards were developed after an enormous amount of work in a very short period of time over the holiday season. They reflect the collective input of the Tribal Advisory Committee, a number of tribal representatives, several gaming laboratories, NIGC staff and most of the Class II gaming manufacturers. While it embodies a hard fought compromise between the participants, we believe the alternative standards are something the industry can move forward with, and will achieve the NIGC's goals of preserving the integrity of Class II games and protect tribal operations and tribal assets.

The process of creating the alternative standards involved broad tribal representation and participation, but not all tribes were able to participate in the time allowed. That is also true of other interested parties who filed comments on your original proposal. Publishing the alternative standards in a proposed format would give tribes, industry participants and other interested parties notice and a fair chance to comment, and continue to build on the trust that has been established.

We hope that the NIGC will continue the positive dialogue with Indian Country on these and other regulatory issues. To that end, we request that the NIGC set aside time at the 10th Annual Southwestern Indian Gaming Conference & Expo at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, NM on February 20th, 21st and 22nd

to meet with the Tribal Advisory Committee, tribal leaders, and the Technical Standards Work Group of which we are a part. This meeting would provide a forum to begin to address any questions you may have on the alternative Technical Standards. To the extent that you are able, it would be beneficial to all involved if the Technical Standards Work Group could receive your questions prior to such a meeting so that we can prepare thorough and meaningful responses. If there is insufficient time to prepare before the Southwestern Indian Gaming Conference, we would be ready to meet with you as soon as would be convenient thereafter.

Thank you again for allowing this process to evolve. We are optimistic that continuing this work with you will lead to positive results that will be of immense benefit to Indian Country and be in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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